

REMARKS

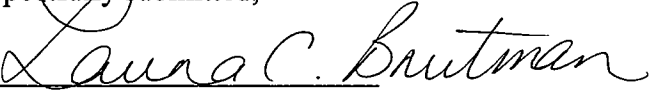
Claims 1-3, 8-18, and 22 remain rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Janik et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,754,116; hereinafter, "Janik"). Claims 4-7 and 19-21 are objected to.

While not conceding the validity of the rejection, but merely to advance prosecution, Applicant has placed the application in condition for allowance by amending independent claim 1 to include the features of allowable claim 4, amending claim 5 to depend on amended claim 1 rather than on canceled claim 5, amending independent claim 17 to include the features of allowable claim 19, amending claims 20 to dependent on claim 17 rather than on canceled claim 19, and amending allowable claim 21 to be in independent form.

With no issues remaining, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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